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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON DUTCH DEFENSE REFORMS

OUR FMOD AND FONOFF CONTACTS HAVE AGAIN EXPRESSED STRONG
FRG CONCERN ABOUT DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING' S
DEFENSE PROPOSALS AND WITH THE IMPACT THEY MAY HAVE IN
THE ALLIANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
MINISTER LEBER' S PROPOSED VISIT TO VREDELING WAS CAN-
CELED LAST WEEK AND TENTATIVELY LEBER PLANS TO MEET WITH
HIM NEXT WEEK. OUR SOURCES HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
ACTING DEFENSE SECRETARY CLEMENTS COULD RAISE THE MATTER
IN NEXT MONTH' S DPC MINISTERIAL OR PRIVATELY WITH THE
DUTCH ON THE EDGES OF THE MEETING. THE GERMANS' CONCERN
STEMS FROM THE FACT THEY INTERPRET VREDELING' S PROPOSALS
WOULD LEAD TO A WEAKENING OF NATO FORCES. FOR THIS
REASON THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT US REPS WILL
ADDRESS THE PROBLEM SQUARELY AT THE NEXT DPC.

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